

Widdington Parish Council

2Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 7:30pm

Present Chair Ian Southcott, Cllr. Liz Follows, Cllr. Chris Firmin, Cllr. Albert Edwards

In Attendance 3 members of the public and Katrina Levy, Clerk to the Council.

10.25.01 CHAIR`S WELCOME

Chair Ian Southcott welcomed those present to the meeting.

10.25.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

10.25.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

10.25.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –The drains on Hollow road appear to have been successfully cleared and functioning well. Timetable for change to unitary authority is going forward quickly with new Mayor elected next May.

10.25.05 COUNTY COUNCILLOR`S REPORT – None

10.25.06 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR`S REPORT – None

10.25.07 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the September Parish Council Meeting were approved by Councillors as an accurate representation and Chair Southcott signed the minutes.

10.25.08 CLERK`S REPORT

The Clerk reported;

1. Continued change over login etc to new email address.
2. Chased EALC for advice.
3. Chased late payments for garage/car park leasehold charge.
4. Emailed Stephenson's buses to follow up previous email exchange.
5. Corresponded with Widdington Recycling re resident concerns.
6. Correspondance received ref. possible abandoned car and suspected asbestos waste in car park.

10.25.09 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR- No applicants – 2 positions still vacant.

10.25.10 PLANNING

To consider making representation to the [Uttlesford District Council](#) in response to planning applications and to note planning decisions arising since July Parish Council meeting. (See Appendices).

The parish council would like to extend their thanks to the resident who attended the planning committee hearing to read out the parish council statement reference UTT/25/1729/UTT.

Cllr. Maggs Webb joined the meeting.

10.25.11 FINANCE

10.25.11.1 Invoices; The clerk presented a statement of accounts and reconciliation to cash books which were agreed and approved for signature.

Legal/consultancy – Gardner planning	£2100
External Audit – PKF Littlejohn	£252

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Clerk Salary + Expenses	£579.81
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10.25.11.2 External Audit; Noted that External Audit report and closure notice received with no comments from external auditor.

10.25.11.3 ICO payment; Collected via DD 23/10/2025 increased to £52 (from £35) – approved.

10.25.11.4 Noted SCP 17 salary increase (negotiated centrally)

10.25.12 WIDDINGTON RECYCLING/HOLLOW ROAD UPDATE – No date agreed yet for the next meeting. Work by Essex Highways has now been completed.

10.25.13 EMERGENCY PLAN – The final budget will be available for November meeting.

10.25.14 GRANT APPLICATIONS POLICY – unanimously resolved to adopt the policy.

10.25.15 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE – Unanimously resolved to continue current relationship with Village Hall, i.e. custodian trustee on the deeds and a parish council representative on the committee if the village hall changes to an incorporated charity.

10.25.16 LEGAL MATTERS (held in camra) – no update required.

.25.17 OTHER BUSINESS – Litter pick for November agenda, weeds growing in road gutters need to be cleared, give way road markings have disappeared from Wood End junction. Expecting local plan approval decision from inspectors to be given before year end.

10.25.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at **7:30pm on Thursday 6th November 2025**, in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at: 20:33

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Appendix: Planning details for minute reference 10.25.10

Minute Number	Planning application Ref	Address	Outline	Deadline for comment	WPC decision	UDC Decision
07.25.10.1i	UTT/25/1729FUL	The Oaks Cornells Lane CB11 3SP	Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of single storey three bedroom self-build dwelling	25/07/2025	Obejection submitted & accepted	Approve with Conditions
09.25.10.1	UTT/25/1897/CLE	The Little Lodge Wood End CB11 3SN	Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of The Little Lodge as a separate residential dwelling	21/08/2025	No Comment	Existing - Approve Cert of Lawfulness
09.25.10.2	UTT/25/1896/HHF	Bridgetts Hollow Road CB11 3SL	Erection of double garage to serve existing dwelling	03/09/2025	No Comment	Approve with conditions
09.25.10.3	UTT/25/1944/HHF	Oak House 1A Church View # CB11 3GU	Proposed first floor rear extension, and new solar panels to existing and proposed southern roof slope	21/07/2025	No Comment	Approve with conditions
09.25.10.4	UTT/25/2022/FUL	Land To The South Of Cornells Lane	Proposed erection of 2 no. dwellings with cart lodge including 2 no. new vehicular accesses.	28/08/2025	Obejection submitted & accepted	Approve with conditions
09.25.10.8	UTT/25/2055/LB	Martins Farm High Street # CB11 3SG	Partition wall within the existing south outbuilding to create both a storage area and garage.	11/09/2025	No Comment	Approve with conditions
09.25.10.11	UTT/25/2054/HHF	Martins Farm High Street # CB11 3SG	Partition wall within the existing south outbuilding to create both a storage area and garage.	11/09/2025	No Comment	Approve with conditions
09.25.10.13	UTT/25/2220/TCA	Rectory Cottage High Street CB11 3SB	Reduce hedge line of x3 Western Red Cedar by 4 meters.	DD 25/09/2025	No Comment	Tree; no objections

DD – Determination Deadline